

RISK DISCLOSURE: margin trading

1. Where you request margin trading services and we agree, intraday credit allowance will be provided to you. This will enable you to purchase or sell more securities than the cash or securities balance in your regular account would otherwise permit. The amount of securities bought or sold may considerably exceed the value of your initial deposit. You understand that while such trades may give a greater opportunity for profit, it is also of a higher degree of risk. With these trades, not only gains but also losses may be magnified.
2. If the market value of the securities in your margin account declines, you may be required to deposit more money or securities at short notice in order to maintain your line of credit. In the extreme event that the securities purchased on credit decline to zero or the securities borrowed significantly raise in price, you would need to deposit the relevant amount of securities borrowed or the full initial or market value of the securities in cash to cover the loss. If you are unable to do so, we will be entitled to sell all or a portion of assets held in your account without notice. You will not be entitled to choose, which assets in your account will be sold. We will have the right to decide, which positions to sell in order to protect our interests.
3. A margin account is essentially a loan account in which interest is charged on the outstanding balance of the loan. The interest charges are applied to your account unless you decide to make payments. Over time, your debt level increases as interest charges accrue against you. As debt increases, the interest charges increase, and so on. Therefore, the longer you hold an investment, the greater the return that is needed to break even. If you hold an investment on margin for a long period of time, the odds that you will make a profit are stacked against you.
4. We are entitled to mandate margin requirements or limits on how much you can borrow and to change these requirements or limits at any time without your consent. Your failure to satisfy the requirements or limits in effect generally will cause us to sell assets in your account.
5. Balances in your margin account will be subject to security interests in our favour. In the event you become unable to make any payments or deliveries under the margined transactions, we will be entitled to sell your assets and/or apply cash in your account to meet your obligations without prior notice. You also will be responsible for any shortfall in your account after a forced sale.